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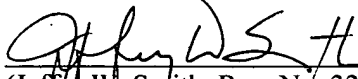
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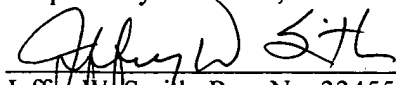
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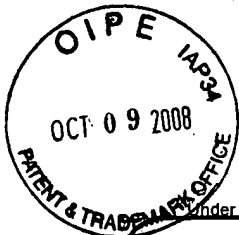
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United States Patents

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3,599,607	Wallick	08-17-1971
5,784,993	Osthues et al.	07-28-1998

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DE 197 28 415 A1	Boekhoff	01-07-1999
EP 1 131 997 A2	van der Lely	09-12-2001

Other Documents

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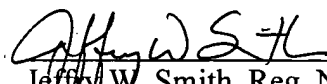
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